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## **Supplementary Information**

## Cell cytotoxicity and serum albumin binding capacity of the morin-Cu(II) complex and its effect on deoxyribonucleic acid

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Fig. S1. FTIR spectra of morin and its Cu(II) complex in solid state.



**Fig. S2.** LRMS-ESI+ mass spectra of the morin-Cu(II) complex. Complex was dissolved in acetonitrile.



**Fig. S3.** Energy optimized structure of the morin-Cu(II) complex



**Fig. S4.** Regression plots for the interaction of the morin-Cu(II) complex with (a) HSA and (b) BSA. ( $\blacklozenge$ ) 288 K;( $\blacksquare$ ) 295 K;( $\blacktriangle$ ) 302 K and (×) 309 K;  $\lambda_{ex}$ : 295 nm.



Fig. S5. Determination of the binding constant for the interaction of the morin-Cu(II) complex with (a) HSA and (b) BSA at different temperature. ( $\blacklozenge$ ) 288 K;( $\blacksquare$ ) 295 K;( $\blacktriangle$ ) 302 K and ( $\Delta$ ) 309 K;  $\lambda_{ex}$ : 295 nm.

(a)



Fig. S6. Spectral overlap between the fluorescence emission spectrum of SAs (black line) and the absorption spectrum of ligands (green or brown line) for (a) HSA-morin, (b) BSA-morin, (c) HSA-morin-Cu(II), (d) BSA-morin-Cu(II) at [ligand]/[protein]=1:1;  $\lambda_{ex}$ : 295 nm and  $\lambda_{em}$ : 347 nm.



**Fig. S7.** Fluorescence emission spectra of (a) HSA-warfarin, (b) BSA-warfarin, (c) HSA-ibuprofen and (d) BSA-ibuprofen systems in absence and presence of morin-Cu(II) complex (0 to 19  $\mu$ M) in pH 7.0 at 22 °C. [SAs] = [Warfarin or ibuprofen] = 2  $\mu$ M;  $\lambda_{ex}$ : 295 nm.



Fig. S8. Determination of the binding constant for the interaction of the morin-Cu(II) complex with SAs in presence of site markers at 22 °C.  $\lambda_{ex}$ : 295 nm.



Fig. S9. Far UV-CD spectra of BSA (black line) and its 1:1, 1:2 complexes with morin in 20 mM phosphate buffer of pH 7.0. [BSA] = 5  $\mu$ M.

Bands	Morin	Morin-Cu(II) complex
v <sub>C=0</sub>	1662 (s)	1650 (s)
V <sub>C-O-C</sub>	1255 (s)	1234 (s)
V <sub>M-O</sub>	-	524 (s)
V <sub>C2'-OH</sub>	1309 (s)	1360 (s)
V <sub>O-H</sub>	3374 (b)	3064-3450 (b)

 Table S1. Assignment of the main IR bands of morin and morin-Cu(II) complexes

's' stands for sharp and 'b' stands for broad